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We made it! Vis Valley stands up to 7.1 quake

By Pat Christensen Your roving reporter checked in on Saturday after the 7.1 earthquake which hit San Francisco on October 17 and was pleased to find Visitacion Valley relatively unscathed.

I stopped off at Ridgeview Methodist Church and the John King Center and found that surplus food boxes were

Bayview built on landfill

By Matthew Brady

Landfill can wreak havoc on a city if not done with scientific planning that takes into consideration the condition of the soil and how the new structures on the fill will affect the life of residents in the surrounding areas.

We all know about the landfill tragedy in the Marina, but how about the fill that did so much damage to life in Bay View, a district that once was idyllic hideaway southwest of Hunters Point. This quiet valley was bounded on the north by Point Avisadero and on the south by Candlestick Point, giving it a scimitar-shaped shoreline blessed with picturesque coves and beaches. What a delight the offshore waters must have been, providing clams and oysters for the people of the valley. And for the children, shallow water for wading along the shore.

being distributed as usual.

Down Leland Avenue, Joyce Hollins at New Start Hair reported that all was well in her shop. Joyce had had a fright, however. When the earthquake struck, Joyce and her mother were in Los Angeles at the airport preparing to return home. She didn't learn her family's fate until she arrived home the next day. They were all fine.

Over at Geneva Towers, Recreation Director, Vernon Long, reported that apparently everything was o.k. except for some cracks and some very frightened people.

Barbara Falo and Esther Tufele, clerks at Oliver Lee's Visitacion Valley Pharmacy survived the earthquake, but spent a good deal of time picking up all the boxes and bottles that tumbled from Lee's jam packed shelves.

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Esther Tufele and Barbara Falo at Visitacion Valley Pharmacy



Andy Alcaraz has a post-earthquake haircut. Barber Alfred Cinti's shop suffered a few minor cracks

Warning: con man victimizing locals

The symbol of old Bay View was Double Rock, a tiny island that rose like a sculpture offshore in what is See BAYVIEW, Page 10 The "My car broke down a few blocks away and I need \$5.95 to buy a new fan belt" con man is back on his trade of victimizing kind-hearted, but unsuspecting, citizens.

The con artist is a well-built Caucasian male, 5'6", and weighing over 200 lbs. He knocks on doors of Visitacion Valley residents, mostly late in the evenings and comes up with well-rehearsed lines.

Residents of Raymond Avenue were bothered one late evening recently by this con man. He reportedly told their daughter that his car broke down on a street some blocks away and that he needed \$12.85 to replace the snapped part.

The mother overheard the conversation between her daughter and the con man. She told her daughter not to give the midnight intruder any money.

Another valley youth, however, was not as suspecting. He, most of the time, is very helpful to people, even total strangers. He had just parked his car on the driveway of his parents' home on October 18 when from across the street, the con man approached him with "the fan belt of my car snapped' line.

"I need \$5.95. Would you please help me raise the amount?"

The young man was quick to reach for his wallet and said, "All I have is \$5. Raise the rest somewhere else."

The boy's dad stood by and heard the conversation. He tried to warn his son from handing out the amount, but

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Vote as if your liberty depends on it

To vote or not to vote, is that your quandry?

On Tuesday, November 7, San Franciscans will have an opportunity to vote on a number of important issues. The election may not be as exciting as those where we vote for a mayor or board of supervisors, but the issues to be determined on November 7 will impact on all of us for years to come.

Voting is a primary responsibility and privilege of free people. Millions of people have given their lives for this privilege. If we don't exercise our right to vote, we lose the right to complain about the outcome.

On Tuesday all of the issues are important, but some of the hot issues are:

Proposition B - This ordinance would increase San Francisco's sales tax by one-half percent for 20 years to pay for transportation projects.

Proposition D - This charter amendment would increase the Board of Supervisors salaries to \$41,122 per year from the current \$23,924.

Proposition H - Sick Leave Transfer for Catastrophic Illness means that, if passed, a charter amendment would allow a city employee to give unused sick leave to another city employee who is seriously ill and has no other time off available.

Proposition 1 - This charter amendment is similar to Proposition H, but allows the gift of vacation leave to be given to a sick city employee. In both propositions, the Board of Supervisors would adopt the rules of transfer.

Proposition P - This measure calls for the City to enter an agreement with Spectacor Management Group to build a new ballpark in China Basin. In addition, If passed, the zoning at China Basis would be amended to allow the 48,000 seat stadium se the height limit to 150 feet and decrease the number of ind parking spaces required.

Proposition Q - This ordinance would charge a .75 percent tax on all rental income from residential property beginning in 1990 to pay for homeless shelters and construction of housing projects for low and moderate income residents. A five-member affordable housing panel would be appointed by the mayor to help decide how the funds will be spent.

Proposition S - The controversial "domestic partners" legislation would allow unmarried couples to formally establish their relationship which would allow them to be treated the same

as married couples by hospitals and other health care facilities as applies to visiting rights.

All of the propositions deserve your attention. Consult your Voter's Handbook and major media for definitive statements on the propositions, for pros and cons, and their impact.

Vote on November 7 and preserve your rights as a citizen of the United States.



Arkie Mangelsdorf

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<u>Commentary</u> Stadium would pay for city services

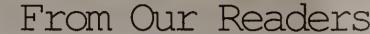
By Mayor Art Agnos

There is one compelling reason for building a new ballpark at China Basin. The deal will earn money for the City - money that can be used to fight crack addiction, AIDS and homelessness - money that can be used for police protection, children's services, housing and all of our other service priorities.

All economic analyses of the ballpark deal conclude that the City will realize hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues over the 40-year term of the ballpark lease with Spectacor and the Giants.

A cost-benefit analysis of the ballpark deal, prepared in consultation with top University of California and Stanford economists, shows the City would be expected to earn \$760 million over and above its investment. Board of Supervisors Budget Analyst puts expected return at \$589 million.

Most of those revenues



Vote No on Prop. P -

While the City cuts back on transit, libraries, police and firefighters as well as being unable to adequately fund AIDS, homeless and children's programs, we are asked to invest at least \$60 million into what a recent study says is a marginal investment at best that will probably show no significant returns for about 30 years. The multi-millionaire owner of the team won't put in a dime. The City Planning Director and the developer's own negotiator both admitted that baseball stadiums lose money. The City's financial success is dependent on attendance (both luxury boxes and regular fans) but there is no guarantee fans will go to a cold and windy stadium with limited parking and horrendous traffic, especially when the Giants lose (even the proponents admit that). There is no such thing as an "environmentally sensitive" 150' high building taking up a city block right on the water in an area zoned for 40' limits. There are just too



Mayor Art Agnos

would come from payroll/gross receipts taxes paid directly into City coffers by the Giants. High player salaries translate into high tax revenues for the City, and there is virtually no economic investment other than sports franchise that would produce this kind of revenue yield.

If we do not build a new ballpark, the Giants and the ongoing revenues they represent will be lost forever. Like it or n here is absolutely nothing we can do to force the Giants to continue to play at Candlestick. Their lease was priece of paper See AGNOS, Page 12

many risks and too many other priorities for a City that already has a stadium just four miles away.

Excerpted from San Francisco Tomorrow, October 1989.

Dear Editor,

I'm sorely disappointed that Mayor Agnos went ahead with the China Basin stadium and arena proposal. This proposal goes against all the Mayor's previous commitments to community consensus and responsible, land use goals.



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We haven't had a chance to scrutinize the final agreement, but we know that the basic elements of the proposal remain the same. The site quarantees nightmare traffic congestion, and the financing requires a land giveaway and a preemption of affordable housing sites. Why should the people of San Francisco pay for a new toy for Lurie? See LETTERS, Page 11

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Little Hollywood Report

Little Hollywood Report by Don Bertone

The next general membership meeting of the Little Hollywood Improvement Association will be on November 14th, 7p.m., at 120 Lathrop Avenue, the Korean Presbytenian Church. Everyone in VisValley is invited to attend our meetings because most of the issues that we talk about affect us all. For more information call 467-9669. Please note that unless this article appears in the GRAPEVINE, there will be no meeting for that month.

We had a little trouble getting our regular meeting room last month but that has been taken care of for this meeting. It will be in the same room that we usually meet in.

Captain Arnold from Potrero Station will be at the meeting to find out what has been going on in the

School teaches 3 R's, theology

What used to be the property and school site of Simpson Bible College on Silver Avenue is now owned by the Cornerstone Church which operates the Cornerstone Academy (formerly Little Lights School), an institution of arning catering to the educational needs of Kindergarten through 8th grade children.

Principal and teacher Donald Langendorf was for many years principal of a number of San Francisco Unified School District elementary schools, including Visitacion Valley Elementary on Schwerin.

Langendorf became the Academy's principal in 1985 after retiring from Lawton Elementary School where he served from 1974 through 1989. Since then he has called the shots at Cornerstone which has 230 students and 15 credentialed teachers and the pre-school on Lawton Street with 90 children enrolled. Church in 1975, and Mrs. Genevieve Lau later founded the Academy.

The Laus, Baptist Church evangelists, saw a growing Chinese-American population in the Bay Area, particularly in San Francisco. They felt that evangelizing the world was of paramount importance.

Cornerstone Church has between 500 - 600 active members, most of whom are in the 30 to 40 year old bracket with more than 90 per cent of Asian background.

Cornerstone Academy began in 1975 with a handful of students on Lawton Street in the Sunset District. Just like the church population, the faculty and students continue to be mostly Asians, primarily Chinese.

The Cornerstone Academy staff, led by Langendorf, are all professed Christians, and the fundamentals of theology are included in the Academy's neighborhood, so come on down and let him know what you would like to see done.

A letter was received by the LHIA which is of vital concern to anyone who used the Candlestick-Park freeway exit on the northbound 101 freeway during ballgames. This was in response to our request to notify us of any freeway exit closures that are done when the game lets out. This is now it will work; when you take the exit before a game, follow the signs to

Executive Park which will route you through SF Executive Park to the neighborhood. When you are driving northbound on 191 when the game is letting out, the Candlestick exit is closed to allow all the cars leaving the game to get onto the freeway faster. There will be a sign posted before the Brisbane exit which means that you have to exit there or at Sierra Point exit which is just after that. Otherwise you cannot exit at Candlestick, and Third Street exit will just put into the traffic jam, there. Construction on this sign

won't begin until this winter, but at least we have overcome a giant hurdle in getting it at all.

In response to our concerns this summer that we were not being represented in the planning process of the **County Hazardous Waste** Management Plan, the Board of Supervisors created 2 new positions on the Hazardous Waste Advisor Committee. 1 was appointed to one of them as a representative for the community and Sam Murray of the Bayview District received the other seat. This will be our first real opportunity to have a "say" in how the plan gets drawn. The regular community input meetings will continue twice a month. We want to get comments from everyone so that we will be able to come up with a plan that we can all live with. The old original plan was one that we were

going to have to die with. Feel free to call me for more info about how you can help or when the meetings will be held.



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Support Group

A support group for people diagnosed with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis and their partners and families will be meeting every first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at National Foundation for Ileitis & Colitis offices, 2166 Hayes Street (between Cole and Shrader), Suite 204, San Francisco.

Issues to be discussed will include the physical and emotional challenges of living with these chronic illnesses. Information will be shared about topics such as diet, nutrition, alternative treatments, medications and complications.

Crohn's disease (ileitis) and ulcerative colitis are chronic digestive diseases. Together they are often referred to as inflammatory bowel disease or IBD. IBD affects more than two million Americans nationwide -that's more than those afflicted by muscular dystrophy and cerebral palsy combined.

For further information call 221-1226.

Career Fair

High school juniors, seniors and their parents are invited to the Fourth Annual College and Career Fair on November 29th at the Civic Audits am from I to 6 p.m.

Sponsored by the San Francisco Unified School Distrist this event is designed to encourage parents and students to become active participants in education and to explore the options afforded in higher education.

Representatives from several hundred colleges and

information on admission universities will have requirements, campus life and financial aid.

For further information, call Mr. Lee at 241-6216. Admission is free.

CPR

HEARTSAVER CPR CLASS- SAT., NOV. 18: District Health Center #3, 1525 Silver Ave., 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 468-1588 for reservation s. \$3.00 fee.

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Pineappie Sweet Potatoes Take advantage of the bountiful supply of sweet potatoes this nonday season. Spices and pineapple blend to create a heavenly vegetable dish. Serve il often — it's a no-cholesterol, low-sodium and low-fat treat.

Adult Day Care

A Saturday socialization program for individuals diagnosed with dementia is being offered by St. Mary's Adult Day Health Care Center at 35 Onondaga Street in the outer Mission.

Participants must be generally continent, ambulatory, and able to pay a weekly fee ranging from \$18 to \$30.

Staffed by a recreation therapist, driver-program assistant and many

volunteers, the program features reality orientation and reminiscence, exercise and movement, music and singing, arts and crafts and outings.

Van service is available at \$7.50 per round trip.

Co-sponsored by Catholic Charities, St. Joseph's Health Service and St. Mary's, the program is partially funded by the California Fund for Senior Citizens. Call 334-4000 for information.

In Memorium ADOLPH REYES OLVERA

Adolph will long be remember in Visitacion Valley for his gentlemanly ways and the great care he took with the clothes we brought him to clean and press.

Adolph died on September 11 of a brain tumor. Mary, his wife of 44 years, was by his side.

Born in Mexico City on September 27, 1923, Adolph immigrated to the United States when he was 19 years old. He met Mary in Bakersfield where he worked for Brooks Department Store as a tailor.

Mary and Adolph moved to Visitacion Vallerin 1945. They opened a store on Raymond Avenue 33 years ago and later moved to Leland.

Fr. Marini conducted the funeral mass at the church of the Visitacion. Mary says, "Adolph had a with people. People came with their problems. He would teach people something."

In addition to Mary, Adolph is survived by a daughter, Anna Marie in Los Angeles, and a son, Henry, of San Francisco.



4	medium sweet pota- toes, unpeeled (about 1 pound)	1 tbsp.	chopped pineapp pinch each cinna nutmeg and allsp
/4 cup	pineapple juice	1 tbsp.	molasses
2 (bsp.	vegetable oil	1 tsp.	margarine

Boil potatoes until tender (about 30 minutes), and remove skins. Mash pulp. Add the fruit juice, oil and whip until fluffy. Add chopped pineapple and spices.

Turn into an oiled 1-quart baking dish. Spread molasses over the lop, dot with the margarine, and bake at 425° F. uncovered until lightly browned.

Vegetable Tip: Vegetables are cholesterol-free, low in fat, sodium and calories, and high in vitamins, minerals, potassium and fiber. Most fresh vegetables should be steam-cooked in a small amount of water to retain flavor and nutrients

Yield: 6 Servings

Help Your Heart Recipes are from the Fourth Edition of the American Heart Association Cookbook Copyright 1973, 1975, 1979, 1984 by the American Heart Association, Inc Published by David McKay Company, Inc. (a Random House, Inc. company) Students at Visitacion Valley Elementary School showed their generosity and compassion for earthquake victims by bringing in hundreds of pounds of clothing and household articles for distribution in Watsonville near the epicenter of the October 17 quake. Volunteer truckers were recruited by Mrs. Anne Kaartunen, paraprofessional teacher, to haul the donations to those in need. Five hundred plastic garbage bags were donated by Valley Super Market for this effort.



CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Some things seem to fall right into place, while others just don't ever get off the ground. Don't pour your energy into a no-win situation; write off the losers and get your sights on more profitable goals.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) The family disputes that seem to crop up out of nowhere, keeping you on pins and needles much of the time, can be solved, but you may have to take on the role of mediator in order to effect a peaceful resolution.

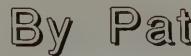
PISCES: (Feb. 20- Mar. 19) Avoid excess this November, whether it's gambling, partying, loving or speculating in the stock market - otherwise you'll waste time and money for nothing.

ARIES: (Mar. 20-Apr. 19) Your head may be in the clouds, but your feet are firmly on the groupy Make the most of both worlds by exploring new outlets. Don't forget to have fun along the way. TAURUS: (Apr. 20-May 19) Distinguishing between friends and lovers may prove a bit of a problem for some of you bulls this month. Someone in particular seems intent of playing both roles, much to your confusion. Beware.

GEMINI: (May 20-June 21) For the solar twins, there is travel in the air. Either you're getting a new address or tickets to a far away place. In either case, the journey will be a wonderful one. Enjoy.

CANCER: (June 22-July 22) Most of this month's rougher aspects are not prominent in your solar chart, so you have a chance to observe and learn from the experiences of those around you who are not really having the best time of their lives right now.

LEO: (July 23-Aug.22) So who do you listen to, your heart or your head especially when neither seems to really have the lowdown? Venture slowly, but surely- and only when you are sure you have all the facts and know precisely where you're going.



VIRGO: (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your opinion is important, but not likely to be the final word. Use creativity and imagination to get your point across, and that important decision will be easier to reach.

LIBRA: (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't let hurt feelings build up inside. There's no sense waiting until you explode like a volcano. Take the straight forward approach and speak your mind. Everyone will be better off.



SCORPIO: (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Work and health matters need your attention. Don't take on more responsibility than you can safely handle. Avoid exhaustion and depression. Do be sensible.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Try refocusing your mental energy on financial schemes that can actually succeed... and I don't mean Reno or The Lottery. Investigate, and don't be impulsive, and you Sag's may come into some money sooner than you think.

1989 Region One SHPE Student Chapters Joint Job Fair Majors Emphasized: Math, Architecture & Applied Sciences

> Place: San Francisco State University Lower Gymnasium Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Date: Saturday, November 11, 1989

Workshops: 1. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Time Managem 2. 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Corporate Etiquette

There is no cost to attend



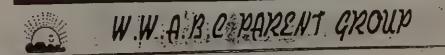
For further information please contact Connie Bustillo at (408)281-1917, Rodolfo Castillo at (415)338-1328 or Oscar Siguenza at (804)756-1433.

Mayor seeking accurate census

It has been estimated that the City's population was undercounted by 10 percent in the 1980 census. "That kind of undercount cost us \$526,000 a year in State funds and probably millions in Federal appropriations," Agnos said.

To be sure that San Francisco does not lose out again, the Mayor has formed a Complete Count Committee for the 1990 Census. The committee has been charged with publicizing the census process and reaching out to groups that might be confused or intimidated by the census forms. He noted that his office and the Board of supervisors have appropriated some \$80,000 so that the Department of City Planning can provide technical and computer support for the census effort.

"In this City every resident counts, and we are determined to see that our census data reflects that reality," the Mayor said.



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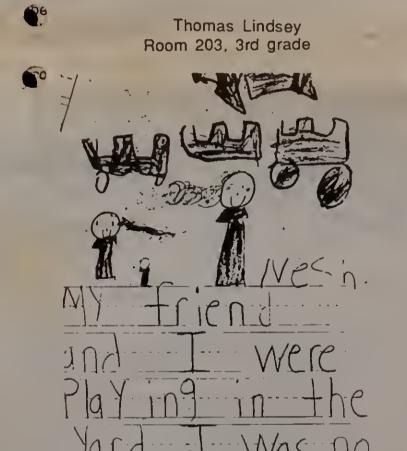
Ground shaking, quivering Sounds of rocks crushing Running, flying under tables Statues walking by themselves Freeway collapsing Bridge falling apart Housing burning, dropping No power, candles, flashlights No dinner - No T. V. Unforgettable 7.1 Don't happen again!

By Room 104 2nd Grade

When the earthquake arrived, I was at home watching cartoons. Then my bed started to shake. I ran to my sister and my brother and I started crying.

My sister and my brother and I started crying. My sister grabbed my grandmother, my brother, my cousin and myself, and we stood under her door.

After it stopped shaking my cousin and I ran outside. Everyone around my environment was out in front of my building and the other building. I was very scared. I thought the building was about to fall while I was in it.



Ei Dorado Elementary School

Earthquake of '89

On Tuesday, October 17, 1989, there was a big earthquake. I was doing my homework when suddenly the house began to shake. We went outside the house. Many people were scared. I was scared. Things fell and broke.

Many freeways and bridges were closed. It (was) very sad because so many people died.

Alifa Grade 5

Journal

On Tuesday, the 17th, San Francisco had an earthquake. It was really big! I was at home. I was so- so scared.

Mostly all the bridges broke down and lots of people unfortunately died. It was 7.0!

It was so sad seeing those houses on the news. I wish this never happened.

At first we had no light or TV, then we have to use candles. Our neighbors let us use.

It was really scary. I was really depressed because I thought there was going to be another one and we were going to get our house messed up.

But my mom said, "There probably won't be another one for a long time" I hope she's right. I am so scared I wish this never happened!

> Sharifo Freightman Grade 5

PATRICK S. NOLAN, D.M.D. General Dentistry

5 Peabody Street Telephone San Francisco 94134 239-5500 My friend and I were playing in the yard. I was not afraid.

When the earthquake came the house was shaking hard.

When the lights went out I scared.

We had a cook out.

Neshaye Grade 1, Room 1

Our Lady of Visitacion School

What happen during the earthquake?

What happen is 1 just walked in the front door and the earthquake started. I ran to my father's desk and went under and did the procedure the school taught me.

I thought it was just a little shaker, but it kept going on so I screamed. I was terrified and very worried.

My aunt came down and I thought no one was home so she tried the electricity and it was totally out. We went outside and saw people swarming in the streets with their children. So I was worried for my mother, father and even my brother, Kris.

He was out selling candy and my parents were at work.

We tried the radio on battery powered. It said people were smashed. The bridge collapsed and buildings fell.

Now I was on the break of crying. I was now scared, shocked and mute. Just then my brother walked in. -

We checked our rooms, vases fell and pictures. China were all over. I decided to wait for my mom and sha came and my father came.

We lit candles and he checked the gas to see if it was leaking. I decided not to worry 'cause everyting would be o. k.

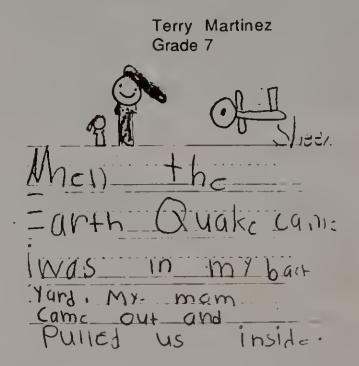
I went under my covers with a flashlight and a good book!

> Starlene Mangonon 7 grade

> > pay off

On Oct. 17, 1989, I was at home in my living room, all alone watching T. V. It was 5:04 p.m. when the earthquake happened. I was scared. I was frozen in my couch. Then my mom called.

There was a lot of aftershock. My house was swaying back and forth. I thought I was going to die! But then my cousin came over to comfort me.



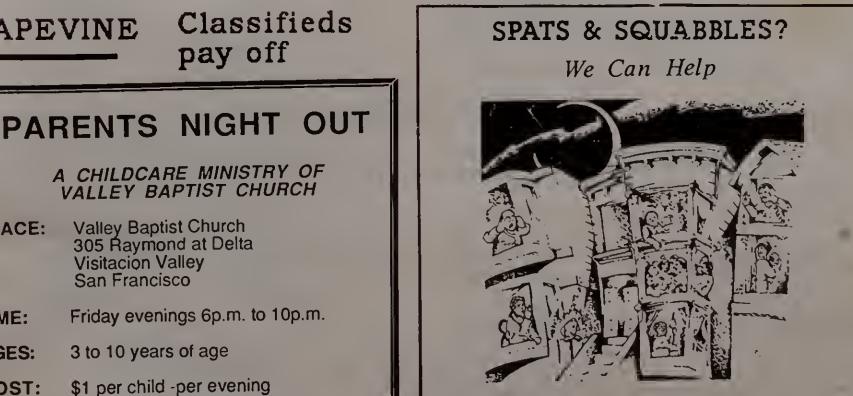
I was in the kitchen and I was eating. All of a sudden the walls started moving, then the vases started moving. Then the china cabinet almost fell down.

My grandma was sitting in the chair and I was under the table trying to tell my grandma to b under the table.

After the earthquake stopped, the lights and the power went off till 2:30 a.m. After that I couldn't go to sleep.

I went to my auntie's house. We moved the mattress by the door so if the earthquake would come, we could run out the door.

> Tanya Gonzales Grade 7



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Pole Climbing

It has always been a compulsion of mine to want to shock and surprise people. As I was constantly on the move and forever in new surroundings and among strangers, such behavior became my means of obtaining recognition and acceptance among my peers.

You might call it boasting or showing off, and I am sure you are right. I would play shy, clumsy, only to do an aboutface at a crucial moment to expose my potentials.

It usually worked.

It was in Nice, on the French Riviera, while working as a bellhop, that I received a letter with greetings from the Italian government, inviting me to join their glorious army. It came as a surprise.

At a loss as to what to do, I went to the Italian Counsul for advice.

He explained since I was living abroad, they would not compel me to go back for military duty but, and that was a big but, if at any time I chose to go back to Italy, they would fine me, imprison me, or force me to serve my time in the Italian army even if, in the meantime, I had become a citizen of another country.

I could not decide, and for three months I went through the pros and cons. I hated to waste two years of my life. On the other hand, I had just ended one criminal career and loathed the idea of being branded a deserter.

Finally, I went back to Italy. I passed my physical and was assigned to Naples to join a regiment of Bersaglieri, the elite of the Italian army.

I was three months in arrears and knew nothing about soldiering. I felt like a chorus girl in the wrong line. The others soon dubbed me 'Slow Poke', and I was not spared their ribbings. I was made the butt of their jokes. I expected that; I took it all in stride and good-naturedly.

The Bersaglieri were extremely well-liked in Naples. We were welcome everywhere and all the shows were free to us. I believe the reason was that our barracks were open to the public every Sunday at which time we would be giving free shows.

In our regiment we had professional circus performers, acrobats, and amateur gymnasts. Any kind of talent was used to entertain the good people of Naples. I really did not have such a bad life, but I thought I was wasting valuable time.

Finally I had my day.

One of the drills consisted of climbing poles. There were ten poles, each about twenty feet tall. Once a week a few soldiers at a time were chosen to climb those poles. I watched and waited. They struggled and sweated, went up two feet and slid back one.

Then came the ribbing from the watching multitude.

"Come on, Slow Poke. Climb the pole, Slow Poke."

"Try it, Porta," urged the captain. "Just make an effort."

I wasn't budging. I remained rooted to the ground.

Two of the climbers had laboriously reached the halfway mark and then stopped. One other boy was slowly passing them, inching his way to the top. It looked as if he might make it. Then I took the plunge.

I bent my knees and shot upward. Within ten seconds I had reached the top.

That did itll Nothing like it had ever happened among the Bersaglieri, past or present.

The applause was thunderous. One thousand two hundred feet stomping the ground and shaking that building to its foundation. I was the hero of the day.

Slow Poke, eh? Slow Poke, my foot!



Ridge View United Methodist Church

One day I was among the selected ones.

I looked at them there poles and I snickered. At home I was called 'The Cat.'

The Captain blew his whistle, and the boys started climbing - all except me. I could never understand why those healthy, strong youths were so awkward and clumsy. I had not yet seen one who could reach the top of those poles.

At home I was called the cat...

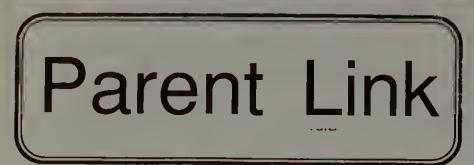
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"I Hate School"

There isn't a student who hasn't uttered the words: "I hate school," at least once or twice in his life. Most of the time, the expression reflects a temporary frustration with a dreaded homework project, a school yard disagreement or hurt feelings after being "spoken to" sternly by a teacher.

Also, many students feel that they "should" dislike school -- or at least say so to friends and parents -- even though they mostly enjoy it. Since we want to see our students enjoy school, we need to gauge how serious the unhappiness is.

It may not be a serious problem If:

--he gets ready for school in the morning without resistance:

--he te you about the good things that happen at school including teacher

School

Continued from Page 3 curriculum.

Langendorf is an experienced and highly respected educator. His career began in 1951 at Hunters Point I. He moved next to Franklin Elementary where his principal was the famed local educator, Bessie Carmichael.

He moved upward rapidly and steadily becoming principal of Visitacion Valley praise, student friendships, or a "neat" game learned in gym;

--he brings home papers, books, artwork etc. for your approval;

--he asks to join the band, computer club, chorus, theater troupe, baseball team or other school program;

--he tells you funny things his teacher or classmates said or did.

You probably don't need to worry too much if he has a bad day or week, especially if you know about a temporary problem he may be having with a certain subject, assignment, friend, or home situation.

Often the best response to the "I hate school" declaration is an understated one. Ask why he says he hates school. Don't interrogate. You aim is to open him up to his feelings. This will let him know you are sensitive to his feelings and will give him a chance to air his frustrations and fears.

Elementary in 1968. At that time, he was also responsible for El Dorado and VVES Annex. The three schools had a total population of 1200 students and 39 classroom teachers.

Darleen Wong, currently resource teacher at VVES was one of them.

A quick look at Cornerstone Academy's weekly schedule clearly shows the Langendorf touch. Pre-school and Kindergarten

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You may find a problem that you were unaware of and can offer help, or at least a sympathetic ear.

It may be unwise to tell him he is silly or wrong to feel frustrated with a particular school related situation. Let him know that it's o.k. to have that feeling and there is a reason for it. You might tell him there are days you don't like your job or some aspect of it, that there are problems to deal with, but they pass.

When to be more concerned:

He strongly resists going to school every morning, finds nothing good to tell you about his school day, never shows enthusiasm for any persons or subjects, and maintains an attitude of persistent animosity to the whole school experience;

He never brings homework or papers from school;

He seems to have few positive interactions with his teachers and has no friends;

He shows little interest in doing school related ctivities;

He indicates that he feels

kids spend from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Grades I through 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Grades 5 through 8, 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., all Monday through Friday.

Breakfast and a hot lunch are served to pre-school and Kindergarten students; while Grades I through 8 may bring their bag lunch or buy a hot meal.

For further information on Cornerstone Academy, call 587-7256 different, isolated unable to fit in or set apart from his peers;

He is failing and/or experiencing regular discipline problems.

Where to turn:

Talk to his teachers, counselor or principal and see if the impression he gives about school is actually happening. Talk to him; he may surprise you by readily identifying the source of his frustration.

If he won't share his feelings, ask yourself some questions: Is the trouble academic, social or personal? Are there expectations which may be causing undue pressure (a super-achieving older brother or sister)? Does he have difficulty mixing with peers? Is there a bully in the picture? Does he have an opportunity to experience success in his life? What are the signs of

validation and praise he receives? Is there a home situation (separation, medical problem, etc.) that may make him feel different? Are you sure there are no physical or learning disabilities (hearing impairment, poor voon or dyslexia) that may be causing him to feel lost or inadequate in school?

Seeking a professional opinion:

If you see a serious problem with school, be sure to contact teachers, guidance counselors or the principal. They are there to help and can work with you until the problem is resolved or can assist in an appropriate counseling or other professional referral if that is necessary.

But as parents we can take heart. For most children, "I hate school" is another way of saying, "I've had a bad day."

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The new Phong Thanh Aquarium at 186 Leland Avenue was so steady, reports owner Janet Lim, that several pair of Discus fish spawned huge new families. (Unfortunately our photos of the Discus with their young attached to their bodies didn't turn out.) The aquarium is a fascinating place to visit.

We dropped in at the new Little Quiapo Bake Shop at 3 Leland Avenue and took une of their delicious Filipino pastries home. Owner Leonard Gemora told us that Little Quiapo sells wholesale and retail specializing in such delicacies as lumpia, adobo, palabok and dinuguan puto. Stop by and get acquainted.

Visitacion Valley was very lucky this time, but earthquake preparedness should be maintained indefinitely. There is very good, complete information on the subject in your Pacific Bell telephone book. Check it out and prepared!



Looking out from Bay View onto farmiand. This historic hili was leveled to provide earth fill for Candiestick Stadium. Photocredit: Greg Gaar

Bayview

Continued from Page 1 known as South Basin. Casting a shadow over the once pastoral land was Candlestick Point, with its 480-ft. highland jutting out into the dark green bay waters. This grassy hill was regarded by valley people as a sanctuary which they could visit to enjoy the unspoiled land. The property has since been leveled to provide fill for the baseball stadium adjacent to the Point.

What started the decline of the beautiful Bay View valley was the pointment in 1868 of George Allardt by the State Tide Land Commission to survey the tidelands between Hunters seint, Visitacion Valley, and the San Francisco-San Mateo County line. This area is now referred to as Hunters Point, while Bay View is located further inland on the west side of Third Street.

Early residents of the Valley were given no notice that the South Basin submerged land was to be filled and sold to private parties.

The first serious fill was for the Bay View Park and Race Course.

This was protected from the tide by a seawall.

\$1,000 per acre for submerged land northeast of Candlestick Point for a park that was called the Gillman and Griffith Playground, after the two streets that intersect there.

World War II was to spawn some of the largest Bay View and South Basin land reclamation. In 1940 these two areas - now called South Bayshore - comprised 13 percent of the city's land area, but held only two percent of its population. The San Francisco Housing Authority chose 30 acres of tidelands across from Double Rock on which to build prefabricated barracks-like housing for 500 📞 families of Hunters Point shipyard workers. To fill the required land the contractor had to level two small hills, one 125 feet, the other 80 feet, adjacent to the war housing. Steam shovels removed 200,000 cubic yards of earth that was then

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dumped into the South Basin tidelands.

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Many people of the valley claimed that the City did not give them a fair price for the property that was commandeered for the shipyard workers.

In 1950, when City Hall was searching for a site to relocate the old Farmers Market, situated where the Golden Gateway now stands on the northern weterfront, it considered the the View land that had housed the war workers. But the wholesale produce industry vetoed the site.

San Francisco has never put its best minds to work developing this hauntingly beautiful part of the City.

<u>1990-91 procedures</u> Workshop on enrollments

Parents and students will have an opportunity to learn about 1990-1991 high school enrollment procedures at meetings scheduled by the San Francisco Unified School District Middle School Department. The meetings will be held on November 8 at Horace Mann Middle School, 3351 - 23rd Street; November 15 at A. P. Giannini Middle School, 3151 Ortega Street, and November 29 at Luther Burbank Middle School at 325 LaGrande Avenue. All meetings are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

1990. Applications may be obtained at any secondary school or the Student Assignment Office, 135 Van Ness Avenue.

Optional Enrollment Request (OER) and the preregistration application periods have been postponed due to the earthquake and the necessity of Student Assignment Office to move from its offices at 170 Fell St. New dates will be announced.

Questions regarding enrollments may be answered by calling Student Assignment Office at 241-6065, Lowell High School at

The pastoral Bay View land was home to truck farms, hog farms, spreads of orderly fields, water-pumping windmills, cattle nibbling at grass, and horse corrals.

In 1932 the City paid

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The application period for 9th grade admission to Lowell High School is November 1 to December 5, 1989. The application period for grades 9-12 for the School of the Arts (SOTA) is December 4, 1989 to April 13, 566-7900 or SOTA at 695-5720.

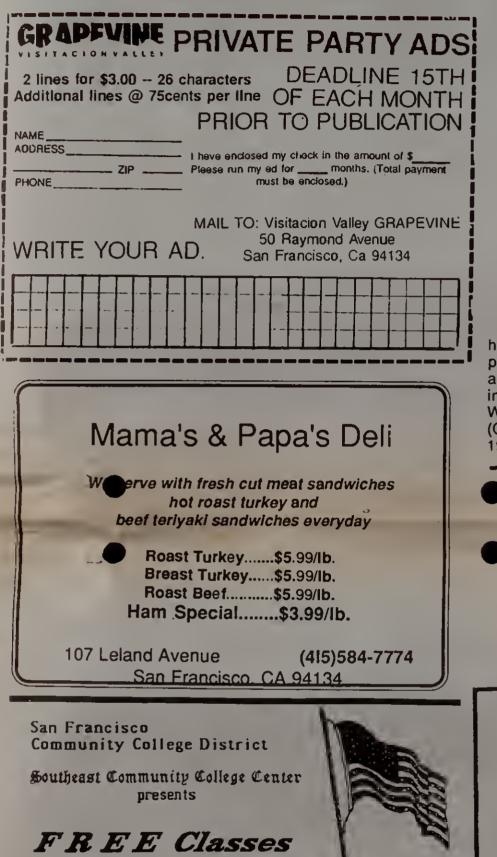
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No one wants to see the Giants leave the City. But it's a question of priorities. We have too little land and not enough money to indulge the construction of a new stadium just four miles away -- and on a site with the same weather as Candlestick. Unfortunately, we're now faced with another costly and divisive campaign for the City.

Voters said no in 1987, and they've said no in three separate polls conducted over the past months. My question to the Mayor is, how many ways and how many times do we have to say no?

> Sincerely yours, Jack Morrison Peter Moylan Andy Nash San Franciscans for Planning Priorities

Dear Editor,

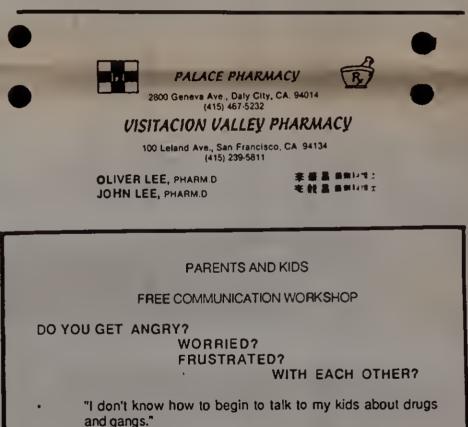
I am writing to present how the CAO's Office proposes to incorporate additional public comment into the County Hazardous Waste Management Plan (CHWMP) started in October 1987. Public comment was

received at each advisory committee meeting and during a series of hearings and workshops in February and May of 1988. Subsequently a draft plan was prepared, approved by the Hazardous Waste Advisory Committee (HWAC) submitted to the and Department of Health Services (DHS) on March 31, 1988. DHS comments were received in July and October of 1988 and the CAO's office revised the plan accordingly. This latest version of the plan is labeled "Final Draft, March 1989."

Since April of 1989, See LETTERS, Page 12

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Continued from Page 1 the young man's donating hand was quicker than his dad's warning calls. The irony of it was that the con man approached the father and said, "I am thirsty. May I have a drink?" He picked up the end of the garden hose on tap by the garage door and then walked away with the most mischievous grin the father had seen.



- "My parents don't trust me and I get accused of everything."
- "Sometimes I get so angry at my children, It really scales

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that gave the City limited rights to sue for damages upon their departure, but there are other cities seeking the National League sports franchise who would pay the relatively small damage claim gladly - and a lot more besides - for the opportunity of getting the Giants to move to their cities.

When I became Mayor I said, flatly, that I would not encumber the City's credit or siphon off general fund dollars we need for City services just to keep the Giants in San Francisco. I meant what I said.

I am urging a yes vote on the China Basin ballpark now because it is a smart deal that puts all of the risk on the shoulders of a private developer, Spectacor Management Group. Spectacor will be solely responsible for all operating losses, construction completion and bond debt. Spectacor profits only when the City does. But after the mortgage has been paid off, Spectacor must turn the ballpark over to the City. The City never to the City to the City never to the City of the the land.

The City would invest \$3 million a year for 10 years from hotel taxes paid by tourists. In return we would get 20 percent of all ballpark profits as well as \$495 million in direct taxes generated by the Giants and the ballpark and \$252 million from indirect taxes - revenues generated by neighboring restaurants, stores, etc.

The China Basin ballpark is sensitive to the urban environment. The design is modeled after Fenway Park and Wrigley Field - small scale parks that fit into the cityscape. It is in a location that won't direct cars through residential neighborhoods. Unlike Candlestick, the new ballpark would be served by BART, Muni Metro, Golden Gate Transit, CalTrain, SamTrans, AC transit and even ferry service. Muni will stop virtually at the front entrance.

These are some of the reasons I am convinced a yes vote on Proposition P will benefit the City. And I ask you to consider these facts when you are deciding how to cast your ballot.

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various citizen's groups have expressed concern over the certain aspects of the CHWMP planning process and have suggested revision of the Plan. The CAO's office has decided, in light of the growing interest in the plan, to reopen the public comment/development process for the CHWMP.

As a result of extending the public comment process, the City has not submitted its CHWMP to the California Department of Health services by September 1,

1989 and is in apparent violation of state law (AB 2948, Tanner). As the City does not want this situation to continue any longer than necessary, the CAO's office is proposing an admittedly accelerated schedule for the revision of the CHWMP (copy of schedule is attached) with the goal of concluding the revision process and having a Planning Commission Hearing on the CHWMP EIR on January 11, 1990.

The Proposed EIR and an Adoption Schedule llows:

Nov. 8 - Discussion of

current and future waste generation

Nov. 15 - Discussion of treatment, storage and disposal

Nov. 21 - Discussion of goals, objectives and implementation schedules Nov. 29 - Final review

Dec. 13 - HWAC meeting Jan. 11 - Planning Commission Hearing on

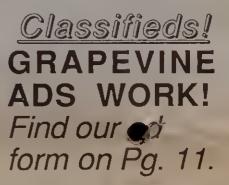
CHWMP EIR

Note: The topic areas for discussion at each workshop are based on the Plan requirements content by the DHS mandated quidelines.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Johnson Solid Waste Program Manager Office of Chief

Administrative Officer



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medium onion, chopped 1

cooked rice)

To make the stuffing, cook rice until it is still slightly firm. Drain. In skillet, melt margarine and cook chopped onion until browned. Add

Cathy Kline Senior Marketing Consultant

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rice and sage; toss gently.

Clean, wash and dry hens. Stuff lightly and skewer or sew the vents closed.

Brush hens with 1/2 cup melted margarine and place breasts side up on a rack in a shallow pan. Roast at 350° F, uncovered, aboul 1 hour, basting occasionally with the melted margarine.

Make a sauce by adding 1/2 cup water to the drippings in the roasting pan, stirring to dislodge browned particles from the pan. Add 1/4 cup brandy and 1 cup orange sections. Cook 2 minutes. Serve with hens.

Yield: 12 Servings

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